

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

SB 1267 - HB 1353

March 26, 2021

SUMMARY OF ORIGINAL BILL: Authorizes a nursing graduate to engage in the practice of professional nursing without a license for a period not to exceed 120 consecutive calendar days from the date of receipt of the first authorization to take the NCLEX-RN examination.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (005804): Deletes and rewrites all language after the enacting clause such that the only substantive changes are: (1) to require a graduate nurse to provide proof of graduation from an approved school of nursing within the previous 90 days; and (2) to limit a supervising individual to no more than one graduate nurse at a time.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

Unchanged from the original fiscal note.

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- Authorizing a graduate nurse to practice without a license for a limited amount of time under certain circumstances will not decrease the number of nursing licenses issued; therefore, no significant impact to revenue for the Board of Nursing.
- The proposed legislation will not have a significant impact on the procedures or processes of the health-related boards or the Department of Health; therefore, any fiscal impact is estimated to be not significant.
- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 4-29-121, all health-related boards are required to be self-supporting over a two-year period. The Board of Nursing had an annual surplus of \$1,362,072 in FY18-19, an annual surplus of \$60,992 in FY19-20, and a cumulative reserve balance of \$9,408,064 on June 30, 2020.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Krista Lee Carsner". The script is cursive and fluid, with the first letters of each name being capitalized and prominent.

Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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